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1. [REDACTED] 25X1

[REDACTED] at berth No. 3, at the quay running northeast-southwest on the northern side of the inner basin, the depth was at least 22 feet. The depth 12 feet from the quay was about 26 feet, 8 inches. The depth at berths Nos. 6, 7, 8, and 9 could not be checked, but the harbor master asserted that these berths were capable of taking vessels drawing 26 feet, 8 inches.

2. There were three electric portal cranes at berth No. 3. Each crane was fitted with a seven-ton grab. The three cranes were capable of handling 10,000 tons of manganese in 24 hours.

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3. [REDACTED] approximately 15,000 tons of manganese were piled in the ore dump near berths Nos. 3, 4, and 5. The dump covered a large part of the northern quay. Ore was constantly being unloaded from railroad cars on the northern side of the dump. The railroad cars brought new supplies of ore direct from the mines.

4. The metal frame warehouses at the eastern end of the middle mole, near berths Nos. 10 and 11, were in very poor repair. Some of the warehouses were obviously unused.

5. The slips at the repair yards situated at the northeast corner of the inner basin were empty.

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6. A large passenger vessel [REDACTED] believed was Polish, was in port for one day. A Soviet cargo ship which displaced about 2,000 tons, and a Soviet cargo vessel which displaced about 6,000 tons, were moored in the harbor.

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Three or four smaller ships [REDACTED] believed were Soviet coastal vessels, arrived and departed [REDACTED]

7. There were no female dock workers at berth No. 3.

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25X1 8. Southeast of the town, there were two or three high trellis towers, which were equipped with radar mattress-type screens, and several smaller towers. [REDACTED] in the vicinity of the towers a large modern building or group of buildings.

9. About three miles north of the northern breakwater and a short distance inland, there was a large white building, new in appearance. A row of smaller square white buildings extended from this building to a point just north of the northern breakwater. The row of buildings ran parallel to the coast and the railroad. [REDACTED] there were 20-30 buildings in the row. Each building was separated from its neighbor by about 15 times its own length.

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10. A port signal station was located at the western end of the middle mole.

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